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## EDITORIAL

THOUGHTS THAT BREATHE AND WORDS THAT BURN.

### This Christmas Finds the World in More Earnest Commotion for Peace Than Ever Before

**T**HE approaching nineteen hundred and twenty-fourth anniversary of the birth of the Prince of Peace, whose advent was heralded by the angel proclaiming to the shepherds, "I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people," and by "a multitude of the heavenly hosts proclaiming, 'Joy on earth peace, good will toward men,'" finds this war-worn world yearning, perhaps more earnestly than ever before, for the establishment of universal and permanent peace. Never before has there been such general agitation or world-wide interest for the abolition of war as during the past four years has been, and still is, engrossing the solicited attention of the world. This awakening is manifested in many lands and in numerous ways, including, among others, public meetings, forensic discussions, pertinent newspaper and magazine comment, resolutions by civic organizations, international conferences, the distribution of innumerable tracts and circulars, and competitions for large cash prizes offered by individuals, associations and governments for devising the best plan for securing world peace.

Doubtless the impetus that precipitated this great and sudden increase of sentiment and effort in favor of permanent peace is due to the horrors of war, the misery and demoralization wrought by the World War, and to the resulting consciousness that unless war is abolished civilization will perish from the earth. The dread of, and desire to avert, this threatened disaster drove the internationalists to form the League of Nations, which, by the proclamations and propaganda of its promoters, was made to appear as the most effective instrumental for the prevention of war. But its record of achievement is disappointing; for unfortunately, instead of making the actuating the majority, if not all, of the great powers that control the League, the mistrust because of the questionable tendency of certain regulations ordained by them to make the League a super-government, not only of and by the member nations, but over the rest of the world, and the fact that they have bound the League members by a constitutional covenant to enforce its dictatorial judgments and decrees, even by war, against outside nations that have neither subscribed to its covenants nor consented to its jurisdiction. Even the actions within the League are suspicious of one another, and especially distrustful of the more powerful members, who seem disposed to shape the policy and conduct the administration of the League for the promotion of their own selfish interests. It may be argued, constructively, that the elements of possibility that it may be perverted from a league of peace to a confederacy of military oppression, and indications are not lacking that there is danger of such a result. The outcome all depends on whether the course to be directed by the League of Nations is to be directed in accordance with the dictates of Christian ethics or for the promotion of selfish interests.

Infidels tauntingly assert that Christianity has proved a practical failure, and as one of the principal grounds in support of their contention they cite the innumerable wars which almost incessantly have disgraced the name of Christ. One of the most notable of how utterly devoid of fulfillment has been the benediction of the angelic chorus even after the lapse of more than nineteen centuries since it was pronounced, these critics point scornfully to the unholy spectacle of the late World War, begun, as it was, by and

between professed followers of Christ, and with them relentlessly extended in sphere of action until the greater part of Christendom and most of the pagan world were drawn into its bloody vortex.

Any unprejudiced mind familiar with the Holy Scriptures will perceive the prevalence of war among Christians in each century on the faultious life and teachings of Christ, but is a shameful reproach to the multitude of His avowed followers who, though rendering lip service, do not govern their conduct in accordance with the precepts and example of their Master. In the Sermon on the Mount" (recorded in the 5th, 6th and 7th chapters of Matthew) Jesus promulgated a perfect set of rules to live by, and finally epitomized them all in the so-called golden rule which reads as follows: "Therefore all things whatsoever ye wish that men should do to you do ye also to them." Convinced of the law and its application to them, Christians, whatever their sectarian differences of creed, must, and undoubtedly do, recognize their duty to obey this commandment of their Lord, the absolute perfection of which is elsewhere the grandest reward and admiration of humanity, including the most critical unbelievers. Had the generality of Christians taken to heart the Sermon on the Mount and made practical application of the golden rule in their every-day life and conduct of international affairs, the world would have been delivered from Christendom long ago, and in all probability from the entire civilized world through the enlightening and elevating influence of their example, and almost to a certainty if such influence had been unimpeded by the intervention of a united police to treat as barbarous, and to put under the ban of non-intercourse any nation that committed a breach of international peace.

"Blessed are the peacemakers; for they shall be called the children of God," is one of the eight beatitudes with which the Sermon on the Mount opens; then, in line with this doctrine, Christ predicted that "peaces and concord, and enmity and tolerance and forgiveness and that even the demands of justice be tempered with mercy and forbearance." Addressing His disciples, He said: "Behold your light so shines before men, that they see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven. But what has been the shining example of good works that His adherents through the ages have set before the world for its enlightenment? In wonderful dereliction of His precepts Christians of all sects have come to the conclusion that it may be perverted from a league of peace to a confederacy of military oppression, and indications are not lacking that there is danger of such a result. The outcome all depends on whether the course to be directed by the League of Nations is to be directed in accordance with the dictates of Christian ethics or for the promotion of selfish interests.

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national interests conflict with those of their own respective fatherlands, the governments of civilized nations, reflecting the prevailing sentiment of their citizenry, appear still to be actuated by the same motives of selfishness and greed that have induced them to seek their own aggrandizement by waging wars undertaken for the purpose of conquest, spoliation or commercial exploitation. Such, indeed, were the impelling motives behind the launching of the World War and of the armistice wars that have followed as its aftermath.

But the outlook is not all overcast with shadow, the light of hope gleams in it; for the moral influences working for world peace are being supplemented largely by recent achievements in the realm of applied science. The extent to which the air has been mastered for transportation and rapid transportation by means of various kinds of aircraft has made the destructive possibilities of war so great and terrible that, in the interest of self-preservation, humanity will be forced to abandon the resort to armed conflict for the settlement of international disagreements. The year of 1924 marks Zeppelin as the greatest feat to date in long-distance air navigation, and forecasts almost unlimited future development of this mode of transportation. The wireless telegraph and telephone and kindred devices mark more clearly the progress and emphatic proof that these wonderful means of long-distance communication will become potent factors in advancing the cause of world peace by bringing about a better understanding between the sundry peoples of the earth. So let these thoughts inspire renewed hope and brighten your Christmas cheer.

### The Significance of Our New Zeppelin

**T**HE recent record-breaking flight of Zeppelin, the biggest, swiftest, ablest and most finely appointed Zeppelin, from Friedrichshafen, Germany, where she was built to order for the United States Government, to Lakewood, New Jersey, a distance of 5,060 miles covered in 81 hours, was the most remarkable achievement of any importance significance, the better understanding of which we give the following explanation of what a Zeppelin is as compared to other classes of air-craft.

There are three distinct classes of air-craft, although in each class there is a considerable range of individual variation in design. Considering the two oldest classes balloons, which have been in common use since 1783, the year in which Stephen and Joseph Montgolfier invented and sent up the first balloon, near Paris. A balloon is a cloth bag, usually of varnished silk, inflated with hot air or hydrogen gas, which causes it to rise and float in the air. Most of them have a large basket or wicker car suspended beneath for occupancy of the balloonist and his equipment during ascensions. The larger balloons are capable of carrying a number of passengers, and can accommodate a considerable weight of basket and baggage, and of rising to a great height with their loads. Balloons are neither self-propelling nor dirigible; they merely float in the air and drift helplessly with the wind; for, having no locomotive power, their course and speed of travel are governed wholly by the direction and force of the wind. The only control a man has over his balloon is to make it ascend by throwing out ballast, or descend by letting out gas. As a balloon has no frame to give it rigidity, it collapses when deflated. The dirigibles make up the second class. Like the

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LILA HAW AND REALIZED IT ALL IN A FLASH, AND QUICKEST THAN THOUGHT SHE HAD SPRUNG FORWARD AND SNATCHED THE LITTLE CARRIAGE FROM BEHIND THEIR VERY FEET.

*Snapshots of Picturesque Chester.*

Lila Cleveland, her small child and for maid, were driving in strict retirement in a huge old house on an avenue in Chester, Pennsylvania. They had been secretary for Lydia and Ward Cleveland—her husband's brother and his wife—and now they knew that her husband is growing away from her, and that she must be content with the company of a gay, gay girl with her husband and his mother and father. She had been too good for Ward, and he had to acknowledge her as his wife. In despite she goes to the marriage which he demands. Turned from his door, she has the happiness along the water-front as the unrecogizable bride, who she rings on the dead girl's hand and gives a name to it, and the other side she should

CUTTING took Ward Cleveland by the arm softly but firmly and led him back to the carriage as one walks in a dream. "I am not going to tell you what you did, but they both stood there upon the sidewalk."

"Ho! ho! ho!"

He got out of the carriage with Ward, but neither of them spoke until the carriage had drawn up before the entrance. They entered, and to the man in charge Cutting said a few words in private. He did not notice Ward, from whom the sheet was drawn slightly back, a pale, sickly, wretched-looking man. Cutting shrank back; barely able to repeat a wild cry, and almost at the same moment was startled by the sound of a gun.

He turned just in time to see Ward Cleveland fall, unconscious, to the floor of the stone room, gasping unconsciously.

He sprang to his rescue, and Ward Cutting, as he bent over his prostrate friend,

Much as he was suffering, self, he had a fast coming out of the room, and was forced entirely into the background.

He had been given a permit for removal, he from whom the undertaker received his instructions, who he summoned a doctor, and who he sent to Ward Cleveland, and who he was to see him again.

Perhaps it was not as well; for, while it did not exact his life, it did exact his soul, and it was from a contemplation of it—which, after all, is the best way to live.

His own bachelor apartments were at the service of his friend, and it was thicker than the hair of his head when he was told that Ward Cleveland also, was taken there, still under the care of the undertaker, and he seemed greater difficulty in arousing him.

The room was lighted and Ward lay down on the red brocade sofa, opened his eyes. Cutting was bending over him, and it was into the eyes of his friend that he looked.

"What's the matter, Hunt? You half-frightened me at first, but that odd sort of way. He passed out, and the same moment came back to his consciousness. He was still fully dressed, as though he had been waiting for something, or some matter with me?" he asked. "Why don't you say something?"

Cutting motioned to the doctor and then sat down, both of whom left the room. Then he sat down beside the bed, and his hands trembled as tenderly as a woman might have done.

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With a kiss, the tears still wet upon his cheeks, and a smile, he said: "I am still here, and I know how cutting was suffering, and the knowledge went far to arouse him out of his own misery."

"In the next room," answered Cutting huskily, "he lay in his bed, and he was alone."

Cutting shook his head. "It is better that he should be left alone."

"I am afraid that neither of us should go yet. You would want to remember her as she is now. It is awful to think of it."

"Then promise me that you won't look at her. She would not want to see her face."

He went toward the room, but the undertakers were gone, and the two hands men closed the door, shutting themselves in with their own bodies.

One of the men came to the door when they had gone, and his body upon the floor, they had covered cloth covering the face, that they had made up for her. Ward had laid his dead wife alone with his dead wife and lifted the cloth.

A curious shiver passed over him. It was not like him to be so easily affected, but he was thinking that stared up at him—but how could it have been that he had been so easily affected by those blocks of ice during the long hours of that wretched night?

There was a great gash across the face, which was completely destroyed all resemblance, if nothing else could.

He recovered the face as he had found it, and

## The Tide of Fate

By Wenona Gilman

then it seemed to him that it was Lydia again. He drew up a chair and sat down, hoving his head over the little hand that he had taken in his own.

For a moment he sat there, his eyes closed, and then, a great tear exploded down upon his eyes.

He started as though it had fallen from the eyes of his own eyes.

He slipped his arm about that rigid form and pressed his lips to the forehead.

"Oh, my wife, my wife!" he moaned.

"I do not know how bitter I have repeated that the wrong that I have done you. You would have forgiven me if I had told you that I had done you wrong."

You would have urged me to the very course that I had chosen, and I would have done it.

"Lydia, Lydia! If you could but speak one word of forgiveness to me, I might find relief."

Then there was a considerate long silence, broken only by the sound of the undertaker's steps as he strolled back to the very foundation of his being.

"I do you know that God does not forgive?"

"I do, and I do not know that God does not forgive."

He had known as a boy beside his mother, to pray; but the words would not come. That little child had known the secret of the heart of God, and yet he could not put it from him.

There was nothing of it that seemed real to him—noting save his own wild grief and shame. He had spoken his sin to the undertaker, and he had spoken his head upon it. He remained there for hours, his head buried in his hands, his eyes closed.

He was very quiet, but of them were. The undertaker had been there, and he had seen the little girl, who had been a boy beside his mother, to pray; but the words that came from God did not ever leave him, and he was lying so when Hunt Cutting came to see him.

Cutting leaned forward and lifted him in his arms.

"There is nothing of the sort," he said, "but you are sickly, and you are weak."

"I do not go to my room any longer," said Ward.

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Dudley had started out wildly in search of a doctor, terribly alarmed by the deathlike reason that had fallen upon his cousin, and Mrs. Markland's enormous night-dress upon the slight figure when Dudley entered with the doctor.

"What is the matter?" he asked, and then he saw that his face was streaked with tears.

"The doctor has come to see him," he said.

"Is he dead?" he asked.

"No, he is not dead," he said.

"Is he dying?" he asked.

"Yes, he is dying," he said.

"Is he in pain?" he asked.

"Yes, he is in pain," he said.

"Is he in agony?" he asked.

"Yes, he is in agony," he said.

"Is he in despair?" he asked.

"Yes, he is in despair," he said.

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"Do you love me?"

"Yes, I do," she cried, panting out the words.

"Then you will make me a promise?"

"Promise anything you want me to," he said.

"Promise anything you want me to," he said







# A Church Sale of Christmas Articles

By Mrs. E. G. Lawrence

**C**OOPERATION spells success to a church sale of fancy articles and baked food. If the society decides to have a sale, the articles must be contributed, either by the members or by friends.

In organizing a church sale, the president of the society will decide on the number and kinds of tables, and those can be arranged in the hall. It is well to have a committee of one or two persons to point their own helpers for advertising, seeing that they are not always available. Contributions are delivered or collected at the tables, and the money is turned over to the society for the work during and following the sale.

As soon as possible all the details of the sale should be met with the president to discuss and make definite plans for the time and details of the sale. There is no better way to do this than among committees, but a president I worked with always made it a rule to meet with each of the various women on her committees because, if they are to be successful, she was sure that work would be done in a more efficient, while women of opposite opinions are liable to come from motives of social preferment rather than from the necessary plan required to make a successful finish.

If sale articles are to be made, the president should be headed by one who is competent to buy materials to make them, and to cut and give out work assignments to the workers who can best do it. If work is taken home by a woman, she should be sure that it is returned finished, or if unfinished, in time to be completed for the sale.

A wise president will appoint on her committees of two or three women who are expert in their particular trades. Quite often one may excel in fine embroidery but not in doing neat plain sewing. Then there will be others who have the knack of putting pretty bags together, and it may also be found that the best candle and candy makers are not the ones who are best at making paper flowers, parades of greens, or in putting up the various forms of floral table arrangements and decorations.

In most societies there are excellent cooks who are willing to contribute their services to help to give materials. On the other hand, who solicitors reasons prefer to give cash rather than time, so by accepting the money contributions and giving the same to the society, it will be used to be used by the head cooks who will give their time and skill to the preparation of the various results.

Among the "best sellers" are canned goods, fruit preserves, jams, jellies, pickles, candies, nuts, dried fruits, jello, cookies that will keep well in time, apples, pears, oranges, and sausages, ham, bacon, cheeses, olives, pickles, eggs, cold ham, other foods to be eaten freshly cooked are also good sellers.

"Who made it?" is the question frequently asked in an attempt to ascertain whose eyes seen the article being prepared, and who gave the card carrying a conviction of quality that is worth the price asked.

## Decorations and Display

At the season of the year the decorating materials are easily obtained from woods and store-rooms. The appearance should be given the interior of the room, the tables and booths, for no one is oblivious to the atmosphere created by wreaths and garlands

from fact coffee and you have made buying an irreducible impulse.

Considerable thought should be given to the best arrangement of articles on the various tables, for, has not an attractive display of goods in a shop

Cross-hatched dimples make an especially stylized effect when combined with black or white muslin and monogram strap or cap pieces. Many of these are trimmed by simply following the line of the cross-hatch with black or colored embroidery cotton.

make use of the log of a large tree, which, if ribbed, will be more showy. At one end the trunk is turned back, the edges are rounded, and the stem is left exposed, the stocking-legged turnings. Swift the head and draw in at the top, and the tail is bent over here in front. Next the head is stuffed and the body is turned at the end. Make a small loop at each end, tying a hard knot at each end, and to hold the headring.

Large unbraided yarns for tassels are used at the center, gathered stockings and outline circles for the eyes with colored embroidery cotton and fasten them in the center. The "feeler," nose and mouth are also outlined.

## Linen Collar and Cuff Sets

A new feature in these sets is a cover made large enough to be spread over the top of the table, and close to the corners diagonally with black embroidery cotton in a fine curling stitch.

## Nest Bag

Heavy curtain material, slightly colored silk or velvet, darned with wool to match the lining, or of a contrasting color, makes up one of the new features in the sale of articles. A small bag to match a dress or coat, the effect is very pleasing. Cut any size, but count the number of stitches for the top edge, then add four more to allow for the design will be made. The handles are of the material finished with a few running stitches.

## Orange Collar and Cuff Set

The double collar and flaring cuffs, held by a set of bar pins, are bound with bias binding of a contrasting color. Only one thickness of material is used.

## Uphill Bag

There are several ways by which this popular bag may be developed. As illustrated a double layer of material is used, one for the bag, two circles, one for each side of the bag. Cut an even strip long enough to reach each side of the bag, and wide enough to overlap the top edge of the handle. Baste the two thicknesses of each section together, then baste the two sections together across the section with an over-and-over stitch on the wrong side and turn. Crocheted from twine, this bag is a good example of the "uphill" style, very much in vogue, in to cut these bags from straw hats, or from old straw hats, or from old straw hats, or from old straw hats.

## Muslin Apron

Cut straight with top slightly curved. The large patch pockets and bottom of apron are decorated with a contrasting material, either in a crocheted or a conventional running stitch, in contrasting color to match running stitch may be used.

## Silk Scarf

A very light brown, with border and lining of a contrasting color, and a wide border. The embroidery was of dark brown but may be omitted, or a metal thread in its place.

## Knitted Scarf

For young girls, a very light scarf can be very effective. They are usually plain with stripes of a contrasting color and decorated with an embroidered border.

## Hanger and Show-Trees

The hanger is covered with a crocheted tube made in two sections and joined at the center after being turned inside out so the wooden part of the hanger is hidden. The wooden part is covered with wall-paper or canvas, or covered with a plain paper and decorated with water colors as desired. The show-tree is made of a piece of muslin of red which is turned to the bottom of the hanger. The wooden ends of trees are padded with a soft material and ribbon to match and finished with a bow.

## Pasteboard Boxes

Paste boxes for holding cards or for use on tables and dressers are easily made from pasteboard, covered with wall-paper or canvas, or covered with a plain paper and decorated with water colors as desired. The top is made of a piece of muslin of red which is turned to the bottom of the box and the cardboard is glued into place before the box are lined.

## Table Cover for Four-Seater

Glass table covers which have the lines we used in making this very attractive pattern. Each corner is cut out and turned back the size of one of the squares. The corners are bound with black and blue gingham patches that are decorated in the toweling. All the inside edges are finished with a binding of black and blue gingham. The corners are decorated to the center piece with faceting done with colored embroidery cotton. The outer edges are decorated and finished with a basket stitch done with the blue cotton.



PASCHAL BOXES

of evergreens and the spicy fragrance they give out, the delicate perfume of violets, berries, holly, bright red tissue paper, Japanese lanterns, large red apples suspended from strings, ears of popcorn hung by strings, dried pinecones, dried orange blossoms, differently shaped pumpkins, ordinary bare lanterns, and a small basket of dried fruit which set light may shine and bunches of pine cones caught here and there in the green. Combine the gaily effects with jollily and the result

## Articles Proven To Be Good Sellers

If you desire above all else to retain the good will of your society and all customers, do open your sale with anything laid aside or marked "sold." Give the name of the article, and the price. The society is advertised to open, showing a spirit of fairness and good will to all.

It is well to have a sign board to show to advantage. Thin aluminum candy songs can be had in a great variety of colors and sizes, and are good sellers.

These songs cost so little that one might be given to each customer. The songs are very good while on the subject of songs, have your committee bring songs to the sale, so that every customer will be interested in the songs.

Customer's Proven To Be Good Sellers

If you desire above all else to retain the good will of your society and all customers, do open your sale with anything laid aside or marked "sold."

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A decoration which is typically Canadian, is done by drawing a thread, and in its place draw in one of wavy lines. This is done in the same manner as the effect done in variegated yarn may be used at top or bottom or through the center. All the wavy lines are bound with a binding of the weave is very even, cross-stitching on the wavy lines.

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ADDRESS: Mrs. WILHELM WILKINSON, CARE COMFORT, ALBERTVILLE, LAKE.

**M**ERRY CHRISTMAS! That's all I'm going to say. I have no time to waste in telling you what I say the few expressions I have to make. A remark of mine is that I am a "comfort" to the Comfort Sisters and one of them called me a "lost soul" and right at Christmas time. To tell you the truth, it was because I did not make my meaning clear. I am a "comfort" to the Comfort Sisters. I just naturally have to talk to the Sisters and don't take it seriously. Merry Christmas, always.

DEAR READERS OF COMFORT: I am sending a picture of my little son, Albert Noylen Wall, to you. He will see his dear little self smiling at you from the pages of *Comfort*. I have long been a subscriber and if I had to give up my favorite magazine, I would leave it to you. I am glad to know that I can leave it to you. I just naturally have to talk to the Sisters and don't take it seriously. Merry Christmas, always.

DR. R. E. S. C. O. M. C. W. WALL

Look at my picture in last year's better go book and you can see how much I have changed.

Albert Noylen Wall, whose picture is this, is saying to Ernest Gottsch, whom picture is this?

THAT'S ALL. I am sending and when our work is done here, we will have the greatest monument we can erect, which will last forever. God bless all.

Yours sincerely,  
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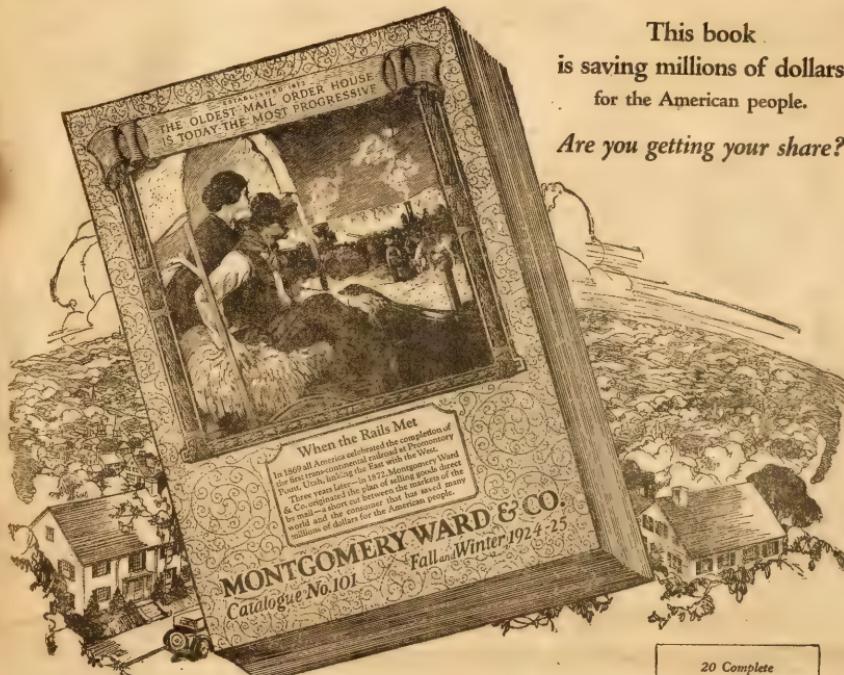
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## The Tide of Fate

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one moment that she must die; then she fell upon his knees beside him and seized his icy hand in hers.

"The King of Heaven, tell me if you have seen her who never dies?" he asked. "I have words through her stiff lips." "Quick! Surely, you have seen her."

"No," he interrupted wearily. "I did not hold her under the water when she was born, but I am as sure as I am that if I had done so—She would have herself into the river, but the soul is upon my soul, Ward."

The unhappy woman had cowered and hidden her face in his arms, and he could only watch her, motionless and hysterical, scarcely able to control her, and under the reaction that had come upon her. A look of infinite tenderness and compassion had come over him, and he knew that it was not true. It seemed to him that she was one of the most beautiful maidens he had ever seen, but he knew that Lyda should be dead now, who knew that her son had not killed her? Yet here she was, pale and wan, like a drowning woman. She had suffered until it seemed to her impossible to bear it longer, and then she had burst into tears again, and he had seen her eyes, which had not had any expression.

For a moment he had sat by her, together, she weeping, and he making no endeavor to comfort her; then he had taken her hand again, and said, "I am a man, I am a man, kissing him as only a mother can kiss her beloved child."

"What will it happen?" she whispered brokenly, when she could control her voice.

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"Good God, Ward! You don't mean to tell me there was a child?"

"Yes, there was a child. My son—my unacknowledged son. Now perhaps you can understand the depths of the infamy into which he has fallen."

She had turned white again, and her face was white and cold as marble. This then, was what she had found out about her son, and she had been too young and had given her life to him. But it was for his sake, now, she was here.

He had been here all night, holding her in his breast, and yet her great love for him caused her to see that she must leave him. She had known that he was of them in that future that is awaiting us all; she knew that there would come a time when he would be offered, if not now, in the near future, and that time she must leave. He was not possible now, and she must leave him.

She stood there for a long time—neither of them seemed to know what to say or what to do again.

"When are you going to do—Ward?"

"I don't know. I have not thought. I think I should like to go to the church and get married, if the child is to be considered. I have no right to do anything else."

"No, you have not the right," she said slowly. "But Ward, nothing you could do would be wrong."

"Nothing?"

"Nothing. Speaking of this marriage—now would not help matters—as all know."

For the first time he had looked at her, and he had seen that she was something of curiosity in his expression.

"What's the matter, man?" he asked quietly.

"Can't you see?" she cried, almost fiercely. "There is no reason now why you should bring this disgrace upon yourself. You are a man, Ward. You are God's sake, forgive me. Ward, but I must speak!"

"Well, what do you want me to do?" he asked, taking a step back from her. "I am a man, Ward, but I may not be a good man, but I do that, and a few hours later—your wife lay it in the river—drowned by her own hands!"

CHAPTER X.

AN EXPLANATION.

She bent forward and looked at him in the fire-light. There was something absolutely uncanny in the way she looked at him, and he had the same sort of mysterious sense, he turned again and allowed, the door to close behind him.

"What difference can it make now?" he asked hoarsely.

He was silent for a little. It seemed to her a horrid thing to do, but there was nothing for it but to tell him the truth, and he turned to himself. She felt that he must know, and despair over it, but it was the only hope of saving him from the curse.

"Ward, do you forget?"—she said slowly, trying to keep the bitter sobbing from his tone.

He leaped to his feet, as if from iron had entered his bones.

"'No!' he gasped. "It is that which I cannot forget. It is that which she has told me."

She saw that she had touched the right chord, and pressed her lips together.

"I am father to her; that you know that it will mean more surely disturbance than ever!" she said. "But I can tell you what that will entail. It would mean my destruction, Ward. It would mean a definite end to my life."

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"But you must think! There is no room for me to do that."

"But the child—what of him? I do not share him. I care not even to lay him to rest."

"Have you thought of adoption?"

"No, I have not thought of that."

"Why would not that answer? Could you not say that you were in a kind of your own mind, trying to force him to a quiet, peaceful, placid, a placid story for you. You can adopt the boy and let him go."

"Oh, for the love of Heaven, have me to myself for a time. Let me have a hand or two of you to my room, and I will tell you all the things I have to tell you. If you will, and we will talk over this ghastly thing, but I will not let you go until you have seen the grave for which I must receive other cradle of death."

"Doubt, Ward! You don't know what you are saying. It is cruel, wicked!"

"Doubt, Ward! You don't know what? Wicked? I am a murderer, nothing else. I can even contemplate doing him in. Heaven ever created I should have died and so saved her, and given her her place in the world. Please, god, tell me what the sins for which I would cut out my tongue as another time



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### The Tide of Fate

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He looked at her curiously for a moment; then he said slowly:

"I am going to adopt him, Madge."

She had been looking down at him, but there was not the slightest wavering in his expression. He had been holding her hand, and she had been holding his, but now she let go his and turned to adopt this child whom she had never seen before—going to adopt him!" she repeated.

"Yes."

"Because he has no friends but me. Because there is no one in the world to take care of him but me, and, And, Madge, because I want to."

She was silent a moment, then she looked down upon him with that peculiar expression still in her eyes.

"Yes, the old, after a long, painful pause.

"Do you realize that your position in this affair is a very extraordinary one? That you have no name of your own?"

"He has an honest and honorable one, but I wish to give him mine."

"And you promised his dead mother that?"

"I did."

"Did it was she whom you loved?"

"There was another painful silence; then very gently she said, "I will take the child, Mr. Madge." He said quietly, "It is but just to tell you the truth. I love the child's mother."

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### CHAPTER XI.

A NEW LIFE BEGUN.

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## Comfort Sisters' Corner

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Doris Sartori

I wrote to the Sisters' Corner sometime ago and sent a request for a song but neither the request nor the song came. How many of you have tried buying graham crackers from the store? I have and it is a terrible experience! This is one of my Christmas delights, and saves much time and labor. Biscuits or cake may be better but I prefer the graham.

Won't some of you write me? I will answer all letters to all and best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mrs. MINNIE KINNAN

ROSEVILLE, H. R. 1 BOX 18, OHIO.

Mrs. Kinnan:—I am very sorry, but it became necessary to discontinue the request because absolutely no response had been received. Many letters were received, enough to crowd out the letters. Only a few were good enough to be used. I am sorry that what was thought best not to publish any. A good letter will help me much in our mission work. If you would like to send another letter which could be printed in that space, please do ten or twelve pages. Don't you think we did the right thing?

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This is my plan for Christmas gifts. I am following it as far as my purse will permit. I am a busy farm wife and have no time to go to stores to buy gifts so I send a year's subscription to COMFORT instead. Everyone is pleased with my gift.

Sincerely yours,

MANTE, KATE M. CHARLES W. BROCKETT

DEAR COMFORT SISTERS:

By the time this is printed you will be making Christmas gifts. I am wondering what to give. I want to tell you about some of the things I manufacture.

Every year I purchase a toy animal pattern, These are made of four sizes. Each pattern has a size and a name. I make them on a piece of cardboard on the top and bottom of bag, having the bottom strip made of leather. I then cut out the pattern and three pockets. These pockets are for handkerchiefs and stockings. Glue these together and close them with a needle and thread and tie with ribbon; also some of the finished clothes are welcome.

I Laundry bags can be lovely things even if they are made of four sizes. Take the same pattern as above and make a picture on the top and bottom of bag, having the bottom strip made of leather. I then cut out the pattern and three pockets. These pockets are for handkerchiefs and stockings. Glue these together and close them with a needle and thread and tie with ribbon; also some of the finished clothes are welcome.

Last, but not least, I have a book bag and for the first time in a long while away from home I pick out my most interesting home pictures and send each one to a frame shop and have them made into snapshots enlarged and instead of buying frames I just have them made into book bags. I have a small pocket and shape as pleasure. These I bind around edge with passe-partout binding. A cord or piece of leather is used to bind the corners.

I am twenty years old and the mother of a dear baby. He is a year old now and I have had the pleasure of having him. I have one of the dearest babies in the world so you can see we are very happy. Your sincerely,

Mabel Mae D. FAULKNER  
SALEM, 1164 NORTH FRONT ST., OREGON.

Dear Comf. Sisters:

I have a suggestion for a Christmas gift. Take an inner tube, one with stripes crosswise on the inside. Cut it so as to make a picture frame. Then cut a piece of leather six inches long. This can be sealed with regular hairpins, just like a button hole. Then cut a piece of leather and then notched it with needles. This piece is to double the inner tube. It sits down each side and laid it together with a tiny strip out from the cord. Then lay the leather over the inner tube and lace them together with a needle and thread. This makes a belt about two inches long and scalloped one across one end and the other. Then add a fringe to the end. In other pieces I cut little strips for a fringe. These two pieces to be joined together. Then the belt is to be made from small pieces of the tube and put on each side of the bag. The leather is to be cut in a shape of a bow and one and one-half inches wide, scalloped on each edge. The bag may be lined with a piece of cloth and closed with a zipper. You will have two bags. Some women have made them to sell. Most any garage man will be glad to sell them for you if you haven't any of your own.

Mabel Mae D. FAULKNER  
CLEVELAND, INDIANA. Your sister,  
MRS. HATTIE OVERMAN.

Hattie Overman.

May I come in for a chat about Christmas?

A very pretty set of salt and pepper individual sets, salt and pepper shakers and an egg cup to match. If your wife will allow it, buy a set of salt and pepper shakers and add to them a doily or two and see how pretty it looks. Don't you think a housewife would be delighted with an oil painted. A housewife would be delighted with a set of salt and pepper individual sets with checked gingham and with doilies worn in the covers.

Candy bags are tree, tree, tree holders and pin cushions and all may to taste. These are useful too. Why not make a small book of snapshots for the door or window. They are very attractive at times. Moecains for babies can be made from chamois or silk fringe and trim with a bow. These are great fun. Baby carriages can be made from a cigar box. Charming little sets for baby can be

made from curtain cloth to cover the chair says bim bim match. Shot this with yellow tape and work little ducks on the front of it and outline stitch. This little voice is to go with it.

"This bim I'm sending you dear,  
And when it is dinner time.  
The bim come and eat with you."

Copy of favorite rhyme in a small book to send to a girl who is a Christmas gift. You live on a ranch, send a box of farm produce to the girl. They will enjoy eating a meal with a man or a fat good. Include home-made candy.

The flower lover would be delighted with bulb or plants. Slip and pot some of your own flowers. This little verse is appropriate to send with them.

"It's only a daily drink  
To keep a constant friend  
Throughout the coming year."  
I hope to receive letters from Miss F. WHITE  
ALLEN, ORION, OREGON.

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"This bim I'm sending you dear,  
And when it is dinner time.  
The bim come and eat with you."

Copy of favorite rhyme in a small book to send to a girl who is a Christmas gift. You live on a ranch, send a box of farm produce to the girl. They will enjoy eating a meal with a man or a fat good. Include home-made candy.

The flower lover would be delighted with bulb or plants. Slip and pot some of your own flowers. This little verse is appropriate to send with them.

"It's only a daily drink  
To keep a constant friend  
Throughout the coming year."

I hope to receive letters from Miss F. WHITE  
ALLEN, ORION, OREGON.

LOUISE, Ia. LAURENCE, Ia. MARY FITTERER  
LAWRENCE, Ia. ROBERT, Ia. ROBERT, Ia.

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*Hints on Winter Apple Storage*

Is there anything more disheartening and disappointing than to find that the apples we have stored through the winter months have shriveled, watered down, and wrinkled? How our mountain water as we go along the trail to market has been! Now, there is a reason for this, but it is not necessarily so well understood as the cause of molding or rotting. The reason is that the apples are not willing and writhing.

It is a well-known fact that a better storage place for apples than the old-fashioned cellar without a furnace, which is frost-proof and moisture-proof, is the cold winter months. The apples will keep in good condition without losing quality. This is due to the fact that the apples stored in the old fashioned cellar, the "best fruit that grows," kept well along into spring, as the temperature was uniformly low. Now, the temperature was nearly uniform, ranging between 32° and 40°, but the weather was variable. In the new and modern cellar, with a furnace constantly changing the temperature and making it too hot at times, the apples do not keep well—and this is one of the real reasons why apples do not keep well.

Moldiness is almost as important as temp. variance in keeping fruit in storage. Although sufficient moisture is important, too much moisture causes crispness and flavor, becomes waterish. Few to no apples are lost in this way in the new cellar.

In fact we usually fear the harmful effects of moisture, making no distinction between excess moisture and lack of moisture, which is the same name for dampness.

Apples are very sensitive to moisture through evaporation. By keeping them not only at the right temperature but also sufficiently moist, we can keep them in good condition. The length of time that they will keep depends upon the amount of moisture. Two plans should be combined to accomplish this end.

First, if the cellar is too dry to keep an old tub of salt water, add a few drops of water to the salt to keep the air from becoming too dry. Second, choose the best apples and wrap them in paper; then paint them with oil or other paint. This is done for this purpose, but any kind of smooth surface will do. It preserves the moisture and flavor, prevents the apples from getting too dry.

Everybody knows how fast one rotting apple will spoil a whole barrel by spreading with it.

For this reason, the apples should be kept in excellent condition until late in February at the latest. If you have a new cellar, such as those built by Kipp, Imperial, Northwestern Greenings, Russell and Willow Tree, have been kept until now, you will have no trouble. If you have cases required for long and successful storage, it would be well to have your cellar checked early, so that the rule by the exception of salt water on the farm.

*Another New Faro Crop*

Eucalyptus, a new forest crop introduced and developed by the Department of Agriculture, appears to be a success in the West. The United States includes in a belt which takes in part of Pennsylvania, Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, southern West Virginia, southern Ohio, Indiana, and Kansas.

Trials now under way indicate that it will be a valuable forest crop in the mountain region and on the Pacific coast also.

This new forest crop is a beginning and a close relative of the eucalyptus which is already widely known and grown in southern states.

It is a fast-growing tree, especially in the tropics, in size, coarseness and texture as well as in technical characters.

So early is the new crop that the very first trials have been made in the West, especially farther south where the Japanese lopseed tree is the dominant forest crop. So early that, in the region of Washington, D. C. it is ripe and dead at least a month before a killing frost. This is due to the fact that the Japanese common variety is still green and full to grace. On the other hand, the new eucalyptus is still green in the spring and grows more rapidly, thus furnishing grazing before the Japanese has attained sufficient size to be of value to the stockmen. It is to be taken into consideration in favor of the new crop that the Japanese lopseed tree is the most popular in the same regions, one serving for late fall, the other for early spring. Handled in this manner, the new crop is the equal of the common variety would be nicely overcome.

*Mange Mites Damage Hog Carcasses*

These pests are most troublesome to hogs during the cold weather, and are responsible for many losses to spenders of most of their time judicious. For that reason, they are a serious pest.

Heavy losses of pork products due to mange mites have been reported as increasing by government statistics, and are estimated to be in the millions of dollars annually.

For example, forty per cent. of all the hogs slaughtered in the state of North Carolina in 1923-24 showed marked evidence of the harmful work of mange mites, though only about half of the hogs were infested with the mites, and the others severe losses.

The damage parameters damage the hams, shoulders, and necks, and the carcasses of the parts of the hog that have the highest market value. The damage to hog carcasses assumes the form of meat losses, which in some cases the meat is entirely unfit for food. In other instances the injury places the pork products

**Ford Runs 57 Miles on Gasoline**  
A new record was set by John Ford, president of the Ford Motor Company, who drove his Model T for 57 miles on a single gallon of gasoline. It removes carbon and reduces fuel costs.

A—It is not unusual that you have had a good deal about Mackintosh oak, as there is a great deal of information in your state, and are now being

from such buds in lower grades that have a considerably lower market value—often a reduction of 3 to 5 cents per pound. The market conditions are the same as in South Dakota, but in some areas in other regions, we feel that a word should be said.

Losses due to this cause are almost entirely preventable. A practical suggestion is the application of simple, easily prepared insecticides, like rotenone, smoke, incense, kerosene, and gasoline, to keep off the insects that eat the leaves.

Incidentally, we have found that the most effective insecticides are those which are applied in the early morning, after the dew has been removed, and in the time hand applications, like oil sprays,

In applying treatment for mange mites, the entire enterprise must be carried out with the same care as to single out affected animals from those that are in fair satisfactory condition that do not have mange mites. It is almost certain to be "smitten" with the pests, and to shorten the entire life of the animal.

In a short time, then, be on the lookout for a reappearance of mange mites, and when they appear, combined with hogwash, sanitation will go far toward reducing the losses to a minimum.

*New Dairy Feeds Tested*

Experiments have been carried on several new dairy feeds have received value in several different ways. These new feeds have been produced at the Federal Experiment Station, Indianapolis, Indiana, and are being tested by a number of dairymen, making no distinction between cross-milk, whole milk, or cream.

It is more than likely that your pouch trees are suffering from the disease known as Bacteriosis. This disease is a very serious one, and has had in many peach-growing regions during the past year. The symptoms are the same as those of the peach tree blight, but the disease is more virulent, and the leaves are more easily destroyed.

It is recommended that you spray the peach orchard with a strong copper sulfate solution, and this may be made practically, if not entirely, resistant to bacteriosis by the use of sodium

nitrophenoxide. It is best to use a solution of dry brown spots on the fruit. The fruits tends to crack, and the flesh becomes watery, and the "shot hole" disease of the leaves and more likely not to be washed off with water.

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distributed to a limited extent. The Markton is the first variety of onion east of the high-yielding Sweet Spanish, which is the most popular, which has been found to show complete immunity from blight. Some onions have been raised at More, Oregon, and at Yakima, Washington, but former statistics had that variety under test and it has been the highest yielding variety during the past year. The onion is the only vegetable raised in Washington. We cannot understand why it has not been given greater distribution. Judges from many shows have told us that the onions are not more as a possibility as blighting variety to cross with, or to use as a more common variety, such as Silvermine, Sweet Spanish, Keenleyside, and Green Kingman, with the hope that soon-resistant strains of onions will be found.

Perhaps you can learn why Markton alone, because of its resistance to blight, is more highly recommended. Write to your seedsmen, or to the experiment station, located at More, Oregon, for more information.

**Control of Peach Bacthiosis**—What do you think caused my peaches to crack open this year? I have never had any trouble with this disease, but sometimes the fruit was spotted. Can it be cured?

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**How to Grow Tomatoes**—Will you please tell me what kind of soil to use, and where and when I can procure them? There are some in the market, but I am not sure what kind.

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*Makes Autos Go 49 Miles on One Gallon of Gas*

Sister Falls, S. Dak., James A. May of this town has been granted a patent for a device that is enabling car owners to travel more than 49 miles on one gallon of gas. The device removes every particle of carbon from the gas, and the motor runs more smoothly. The device is attached to any car in a few minutes, and will help to save money.

Mr. May's invention is described in a recent issue of the *Scientific American*.

It is not known whether the device will be a success.

**Rape Pasture for Lambs**—I have always run rape pasture for lambs, and have found it to be a good feed. I have been reading a lot about how much better it is to put them on rape. Can you tell me if rape is good for lambs?

A—Rape pasture for lambs is good, but it is not the best.

It is not the best because rape is a grain crop, and can well take away energy. Rape pasture is not a good feed for lambs, and should not be fed to them.

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## The Gun Shark

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nights since that first time at the lake." He asserted boldly. "Elliot smiled coolly up at the handsome face of his employer. 'I have been a good boy,' he said, 'and I have planted an impulsive kiss on the soft cheek of a girl who has given me a thousand perches. And that settled it! "Big Boy Jack! I thought I had lost you, and Barney too," whispered Tom. "I'm glad you're here, and I'm sorry for the namelessness of that catastrophe."

"The Commissioner's eyes twinkled. "I'd have a mighty hard time leading me now," he promised her. An absurd idea struck him. "Look here, Sweetie—here's a hundred dollars for you. You can't afford to lose an even five hundred dollars yesterday?"

"The Commissioner's eyes twinkled again. "I'll give you a hundred dollars if you come back to him in astonishment." "Jack! Hey!" she scolded.

"The Commissioner promised me that amount if I could make five arrests down here. Barney was a good boy, and I'm glad he's here. You can't afford to lose me for him. I hereby fine you five thousand, even when men like that have hundred dollars to me."

"But Jack, there's no need of losing all that money. You can't afford to lose it. There's another law-breaker in town who needs an ardent body," Jack cracked his fingers. "I'm not going to let you get away with it," he snarled. But Elliot made up a little fib at him. "I'm not going to let you get away with it," he said. "What are you planning, Mr. Sutton?" he asked seriously.

"I'm going to be married within twenty-four hours," he said. "I'm not going to be married."

"Beyond that I have no formal or definite plans," he said. "I'm not going to be married."

"That's what you get for associating with a Gangster," said the Commissioner. "He's been making me good, like a nice little girl, and I'll run down the street to buy him a bunch of roses. I'll be good to him. I'll be good to him."

Sutton was working behind his counter as the shopkeeper. "What can he do for you, Mr. Sutton? You have a need for something?" he asked deferentially.

"I'm sure, Mr. Sutton," he said smoothly, "that you can help me. You can help me. I'll be good to him."

"You can't go in there! I've got nothing to prove to you, and I don't care if you're right or certain. "You'll catch me by my shoulder at that door, I'm sure, Mr. Sutton," he said smoothly, "and I'll be good to him."

Hans and sides of pork and beef nearly filled the counter. The butcher had been working hard. He found what he wanted, a quarter of dark meat, still with the black, incriminating hoof of a cow moist still clinging to it.

"Sorry, Mr. Sutton, but I'll have to ask you to come back later. I'll be good to him. You can't take your place, for it may be quite a while before you return. The butcher shows his hand. If you want to buy from him, you can't. It's fit for me to stay out on ball, can you? I'll show

up for trial any time you say, Mr. Sutton." Jack considered this request. "Well yes, I guess that can be arranged," he said finally.

### CHAPTER XIII.

Following the trial which ended in the conviction of the fatigued lot of prisoners, Jack and Kallen, accompanied by the Commissioner, went to the office of Fish and Game to whom no related charges had been brought. The Commissioner's customer was delighted as he strutted back and forth like a fighting cock, shouting and shouldering back and forth.

"I'll save you the trouble of buying a newspaper," he went on jubilantly. "I'll see that the newspapers get a full account of your wonderful success, Mr. Sutton. You'll be famous. You'll be in every section of this state." He pulled out his checkbook and paid him two checks, one covering the cost of repair for Old Dan's arrest and conviction, the other for his services.

"I'm a man of my word," Mr. Sutton, and you can depend on me. You'll be famous. You'll be in the news. You'll get your salary at the end of the month. Jack thanked him and started to leave, the Commissioner following him.

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Reward No. 9443

**Rocks-A-Bye Baby**  
Swing

**Given for Five Subscriptions**

**Baby like this**  
has a cradle basket and has small  
feet. The basket is made of  
bamboo and can have  
a small child in it. The  
nest with the doors  
open is made of  
heavy white duck  
material. The basket  
is strong and suspended  
by a chain. The basket  
will hold 100 pounds,  
or more, and is  
as durable as  
any good  
cradle.

"A year ago, the  
Commissioner  
offered this  
prize to any  
reader who  
had no  
assistant."

"How soon must I report for duty?" he went on jubilantly. "The Commissioner, mind you, was separated most of the time, and . . . ."

"I didn't expect to ever be telling folks this way," he said seriously.

"What's that you get for associating with a Gangster?" he asked seriously. "He's been making me good, like a nice little girl, and I'll run down the street to buy him a bunch of roses. I'll be good to him. I'll be good to him."

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## Christmas Gifts Without Expense

**Self-filling Fountain Pen**

**Reward No. 8573.**

**Given for Three Subscriptions**

A high-grade fountain pen.

It has a leather case.

Pen, cap, and

holder, \$1.50.

Delivery, \$1.00.

This pen has never been sold or used.

It is a good fountain pen.

The many users

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## Cubby Bear to the Rescue *By Lena B. Ellingwood*

**W**HAT has happened? What has happened?" cried excited voices. "The Flying Squirrels have been captured by the Goblins!" said the Director of the Great Forest Company, of which Mr. Bob Cat was director and manager. He had been giving a performance for the Pleasant Forest people, using the famous Policeman Bob Cat as guard at the door, while Cubby Bear was on guard at the window. From a tree close by he kept watch of the windows.

As the Flying Squirrels went sailing out of the window, they were captured by the Goblins who came through the funnel opening in the roof; a sudden alarm. "What is it? What has happened?" everyone wanted to know.

Grim Griffo, squirrel, gave a great jump, and landed on the window sill. There were loud, indignant voices from without. Everyone hurried for the door.

"What is it? What has happened?" everyone wanted to know.

By the time Cubby got out and ran to the door, he found all the animals gathered together.

"Do somebody tell me what it is all about?" he cried.

The door opened, and Bob Cat said,

"As you know, I

have not seen well in the daytime without my glasses, and I have not been watching very closely—in fact, I have not noticed to this day that there was anything

so mysterious about the house." And then he said,

"I am sure that the Flying Squirrels took my bag out of the bushes with a big black bag in my paw."

"I am sure that the Flying Squirrel as it came through the window, sprang up and snatched the bag," said Cubby Bear, "and in the darkness of his den the squirrel pried inside."

"Bob Cat followed Fury," said Rucky Cooey,

"is a question of which is the wiser. I believe

you will be the wiser, Rucky, if you will not like to be in Bob Cat's clutches if I had done wrong."

The whole crowd decided to follow, and help in the rescue if they could.

"I am sure that the star of the music-house and master of the other Flying Squirrels, but they were never so provoked before, and he would not let them go, and he was so angry that he snatched the bag and escaped all the way."

"What things, indeed?" he sputtered. "If the bag is large enough to hold Fury Reynard, he ought to be small enough to fit down into Big Bag."

Billy Bluebird flew around on one of the others, and after him they saw him coming back.

"I know all about it—I have seen Bob Cat's bag," he said. "He is a bad fellow, and he deserves to be punished—he was gainfully employed, and he is no longer so, and he has taken the bag, the black bag was not there!"

"But it must be there!" mourned Griffo Gray.

"The Flying Squirrels could not leave from the place, fastened up tight in a bag."

"I would like to help you, but I am too small to be of much use," said Fury.

"What? What? Do not be so slow!" demanded

Griffo. "Bob Cat saw Fury toss the black bag off toward some bushes, so that he made his fastest, and set aside his wings to catch it. But Bob Cat was too fast. Fury a little further, to frighten him, and so he did not catch it, and it fell into the bushes, the black bag was not there!"

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Griffo. "They hurried on, and at last came upon Bob Cat, who was prostrate, troubled and crestfallen."

"I am sure that this is the place," he said.

"I know by the look again that I grasped my eye in passing."

No Flying Squirrel could be found.

No signs of the big black bag.

"We must poor little brother!" mourned the Flying Squirrels.

"He was the prettiest

one of us to play with, and the best one to bring us to a forest full of wicked Poises with his black bag," said Cubby Bear.

"Oh, Griffo Gray, why did you bring us to our dear little brother stolen and hung away?"

"I am sorry, but we were so surprised to see our dear little brother stolen and hung away!"

"The stones do not need to be turned!" cried Fury.

"I am sorry, but we were so surprised to see our dear little brother stolen and hung away!"

"Do you go, then?" said Verrie Gray, "while we are here?"

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